



PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Yanagi et al.  
Appl. No. : 09/662,454  
Filed : September 14, 2000  
For : CLONED GENOMES OF  
INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS C  
VIRUSES AND USES THEREOF  
Examiner : Leffers Jr, Gerald G  
Group Art Unit : 1636

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2002, and subsequent to Notice of Appeal filed April 21, 2003, Applicant responds as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.